1	2	3	4	5	6
23.	Sikkim	0.123	0.02%	5.11	—
24.	Tamil Nadu	43.585	7.05%	1810.70	907.60
25.	Tripura	0.893	0.14%	37.10	—
26.	Uttaranchal	3.855	0.62%	160.15	—
27.	Uttar Pradesh	73.243	11.85%	3042.82	87.55
28.	West Bengal	65.78	10.64%	2732.77	108.80
29.	A & N Islands	0.512	0.08%	21.27	—
30.	Chandigarh	2.133	0.35%	88.61	—
31.	D & N Haveli	0.039	0.01%	1.62	—
32.	Daman and Diu	0.139	0.02%	5.77	—
33.	Delhi	32.566	5.27%	1352.93	—
34.	Pondicherry	2.128	0.34%	88.41	—
35.	Lakshadweep	0.072	0.01%	2.99	—
	TOTAL:	618.258	100.00%	25685.00	2366.1

Control of health hazard environment

*89. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a disgusting mixture of smoke and fog (smog) is keeping pollutants, especially suspended particulate matter and pollen at breathing level, causing widespread viral infection, Asthma etc. in most parts of North and some parts of Western India; and

(b) if so, the measures, so far, taken or are being contemplated by Government so that this health hazard environment could be controlled and adequate medical care in the shape of prevention and treatment is taken?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA): (a) It has been a general observation that during the winter season, including the smoggy conditions, the levels of Suspended Particulate Matter (SPM) are comparatively

higher than during the other seasons. The SPM affects the respiratory system and may cause Asthma and viral infection. Studies conducted by Vallabha Bhai Patel Chest Institute, New Delhi, and National Institute of Occupational Health, Ahmedabad, have shown some relationship between air pollution and respiratory diseases.

(b) The present health care infrastructure at the Centre and State levels is geared to meet the needs of the people suffering from viral infections, Asthma etc. However, as part of preventive measures, the Government has already implemented certain control measures such as introduction of:—

(i) Unleaded petrol

(ii) Bharat I & II emission standards

(iii) Low Sulphur Diesel

(iv) CNG for commercial vehicles

(v) Pollution Under Control (PUC) Certificate.

Central Pollution Control Board, Delhi, is the authority for checking the air pollution levels in various cities and for studying the effects of various control measures through the State Pollution Control Boards.

Disinvestment of Ashoka Hotel

*90. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a final decision to disinvest the Ashoka Hotel, New Delhi;

(b) if so, whether a road map has been drawn in this regard;

(c) whether it is a fact that the hotel is showing signs of turn around; and

(d) if so, whether Government propose to have a second look on the move to privatize the hotel?

THE MINISTER OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.